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Application Serial No.: 10/673,941
Amendment and Response to May 21, 2008 Final Office Action**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving data a request from an application to provide an outgoing message to a destination address, said request including data being indicative of a message, a said destination address, and an outgoing message type;

converting said message to ~~an~~ said outgoing message in a format compatible with said outgoing message type, said outgoing message format being a different format than the message; and

sending said outgoing message to said destination address; and

providing, in reply to said request, a response to said application indicative of a success of said sending of said outgoing message to said destination address.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

establishing a protocol for receiving data indicative of a message to be sent to a destination address.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said protocol includes parameters for outgoing message type and destination address.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said protocol includes parameters

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for incoming message type and sender address.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said protocol includes a parameter for a service provider to be used to send said outgoing message.

6. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said protocol includes a parameter for a maximum size of said outgoing message.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said data is indicative of an address associated with a sender of said message.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said data is indicative of a service provider to use in said sending said outgoing message to said destination address.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said sending said outgoing message to said destination address includes sending said outgoing message to said destination address via said server provider.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said data is indicative of a maximum size for said outgoing message.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said converting said message to an outgoing message in a format compatible with said outgoing message type includes

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converting said message into said outgoing message such that said outgoing message does not exceed said maximum size.

12. (Cancel)

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

sending a response message to said application, said response message being indicative of an error in delivery of said outgoing message to said destination address.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said receiving data a request from an application, ~~said data being indicative of a message, a destination address, and an outgoing message type~~ includes:

receiving first data indicative of said message;

receiving second data indicative of said destination address;

receiving third data indicative of said outgoing message type; and

receiving fourth data indicative of an instruction to use said first data to create said outgoing message, wherein said receiving of said first, second, third, and fourth data are not received simultaneously.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining that said outgoing message was not delivered to said destination address.

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16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said receiving data a request from an application, ~~said data being indicative of a message, a destination address, and an outgoing message type~~ includes receiving said data in accordance with a pre-established protocol.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

establishing a protocol indicative of how to send a message to a sender of said data.

18. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

establishing a protocol to receive data a request to provide an outgoing message to destination address ~~indicative of a message to be sent to a destination address~~, wherein said protocol includes parameters for said destination address and said outgoing message type;

receiving data said request from an application to provide an outgoing message to a destination address, said data request being compliant with said protocol and including data indicative of a first message, a first destination address, and a first outgoing message type;

converting said first message to an said outgoing message in a format compatible with said first outgoing message type, said outgoing message format being a different format than said first message; and

sending said outgoing message to said first destination address; and

providing, in reply to said request, a response to said application indicative of a success of said sending of said outgoing message to said destination address.

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19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said protocol includes parameters for incoming message type and sender address.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said protocol includes a parameter for a service provider to be used to send said outgoing message.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said protocol includes a parameter for a maximum size of said outgoing message.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said protocol includes at least one parameter for providing data to said application indicative of an error in delivery of said outgoing message to said destination address.

23. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:

a computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause said processor to:

receive data a request from an application to provide an outgoing message to a destination address, said request including data being indicative of a message, a said destination address, and an outgoing message type;

convert said message to an said outgoing message in a format compatible with said outgoing message type, said outgoing message format being a different format than the message; and

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send said outgoing message to said destination address; and

provide, in reply to said request, a response to said application indicative of a success of said sending of said outgoing message to said destination address.

24. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a processor;

a communication port coupled to said processor and adapted to communicate with at least one device; and

a storage device coupled to said processor and storing instructions adapted to be executed by said processor to:

receive data a request from an application to provide an outgoing message to a destination address, said request including data being indicative of a message, a said destination address, and an outgoing message type;

convert said message to an said outgoing message in a format compatible with said outgoing message type, said outgoing message format being a different format than the message; and

send said outgoing message to said destination address; and

provide, in reply to said request, a response to said application indicative of a success of said sending of said outgoing message to said destination address.